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CHICAGO 1919



*The **Chicago Race Riot of 1919** was a major racial conflict that began in Chicago, Illinois on July 27, 1919 and ended on August 3rd. Between 1916 and 1919, the black population of Chicago doubled as migrants from the South moved north in search of jobs, political rights, and humane treatment.*

The Chicago riot began on Sunday, July 27, 1919-one day after black troops were welcomed home with a parade down the city's Michigan Avenue. Black men formed a barrier along State Street to stop the advance of white gangs from the stockyard district. Three regiments of the Illinois National Guard were sent into the streets.

The violence ended on Saturday, August 1st. A rainy day kept most people indoors for the day. During the riot, the Chicago Defender, the city's black newspaper, reported many violent incidents.

Starting with a white man throwing rocks at blacks in the water at a beach on the South Side, conflict escalated when police did not arrest the white but arrested an African American man instead.

A white gang looking for African Americans during the Chicago Race Riot of 1919



Ramifications



At one point a mob of white men threatened Provident Hospital, many of whose patients were African American. The police held them off.

